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Medical Schools, Hospitals, and Clinics

1. The ISUL (Institut za Spetsializatsiya i Usuvurshenstvuvane na Lekarite Kadri; Physicians Specialization and Finishing Institute) is located at No. 8 Chernomore Street in Sofia. Until 1948, this was the Rabotnicheska Bolnitsa (Workers' Hospital).
2. The special school for Military Medical Assistants admits men between the ages of 20 and 40 and offers a course of 2-years duration. Upon graduation, the students receive the rank of sergeant-major. Most graduates are assigned to the Army, but a small number are sent to villages which have no physician.
3. The Aleksandrovska Hospital now has two departments, and a third is under construction. The hospital serves as the University Clinic.
4. A nurses' school is attached to the Aleksandrovska Hospital. The course lasts two years, and students are admitted up to the age of 25.
5. The Klementinska Hospital, located near the railroad station, has a surgical ward only.
6. In Sofia, there are 18 general dispensaries and five or six dental clinics.
7. The Government has a 16-car hospital train, which includes an operating room, a pharmacy, and a food depot. Its staff consists of a surgeon, a specialist in internal diseases, four nurses, and two medical assistants.

Drug Supply and Production

8. The Central Drug Depot is located at No. 22 Washington Street in Sofia. The building, which is a large, 5-story, concrete building, is 60 by 80 meters in

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size, and was completed in 1951. This building also houses the administrative staffs of all the departments.(sic). There are two other drug depots in Sofia, as follows:

- a. The drug depot of the Bulgarian Red Cross, located at No. 10 Tottleben Street; and
 - b. A small drug and instrument depot located near the Aleksandrovska Hospital; this depot is attached to the Military Hospital and issues sterilizing materials.
9. The Institut za Narodno Zdrave (Institute of Public Health), located at No. 26 General Zaymov Street in Sofia, produces Lissa and diphtheria sera.
 10. A factory which is to produce biochemical drugs is reported to be under construction at Dimitrovgrad (N 42-03, E 25-35).

The Dental Research Institute in Sofia

11. In 1950, the dental clinic located at No. 48 Stalin Street (formerly Tsaritsa Yoanna Street) in Sofia was converted to the first stomatological institute in Bulgaria. The institute, in addition to treating patients, does dental research. All innovations in the dental field, including drugs, materials, and instruments are subjected to study before being released throughout the country. All dental literature must be approved by the institute before distribution.
12. The institute has recently conducted research into the qualities of phosphate cement of Bulgarian manufacture, resin, and small motors for dentists' drills. These motors are produced by an electrical equipment and medical instrument factory in the Nadezhda district of Sofia.
13. A professor of the Sofia Faculty of Dentistry directs the institute. The staff consists of 14 dentists and eight nurses. There are departments for surgery, dentures, general therapy, and X-ray work. A 10-bed ward for research concerning special diseases is attached to the institute.
14. Most of the equipment and instruments are of foreign origin, and consist of the following:
 - a. Probes, imported from the USSR and bearing Soviet labels, are of German manufacture;
 - b. Scoops for mixing cement and gypsum are Soviet-made;
 - c. Forceps of Soviet manufacture are not liked by the dentists who prefer the American instruments which they sometimes receive as gifts;
 - d. Tamping tools, imported from the USSR, are also of German origin;
 - e. Dentists' chairs, complete with motors and lamps, are imported from Czechoslovakia; a factory at Kazanluk (N 42-37, E 25-24) produces good quality chairs, without full equipment, which are exported; one consignment went to Turkey and another to France, with payment being made in medical drugs; the Kazanluk factory formerly was an arms factory and is still believed to produce weapons; and
 - f. Operating tables, from the same Kazanluk factory, are also exported.
15. All drugs and materials required by the institute are supplied by the Central Drug Depot in insufficient quantities. These include mercury, amalgams, cement, penicillin (Soviet), sulphonamides (primarily ultraseptil, a Hungarian product), bandages

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made by the former Maynardi Factory on Petleshkov Street (formerly Arditi Street) in Sofia, and "Wippla," a Hungarian product. Most of the drugs and materials are Soviet, Czech, Hungarian, or German products.

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 technical laboratory at No. 22 Georgi Dimitrov Boulevard are available upon
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